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**SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY'S MONTHLY SCHLOCKFEST FILM
SERIES SCREENS: *THEATRE OF BLOOD***

Actor Gives his Critics a Bloody and Violent Taste of Their Own Medicine

San Diego – The San Diego Public Library will screen the film *Theatre of Blood* on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., with a special introduction by Miguel Rodriguez at 6:15 p.m., in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown. Featuring one of the great actors of the horror genre, Vincent Price, whose 100th birthday anniversary is this month, the film is part of the library's monthly SchlockFest film screenings, an homage to the classic B movies from Hollywood's Golden Age. This event is FREE to the public.

In *Theatre of Blood*, Vincent Price stars as Edward Kendall Sheridan Lionheart, who thought himself the greatest Shakespearean actor of his day. Ridiculed throughout his acting career and overlooked for a "Critic's Circle Award for Best Actor" despite producing a season of Shakespeare's plays, the humiliated Lionheart attempts suicide and is presumed dead. Unbeknownst to his detractors and the police, he survives the suicide attempt and is adopted into a community of meths-drinking vagrants who do his bidding, systematically killing each critic in Shakespearean spirit and style.

Considered among Vincent Price's greatest work, this film was also one of his personal favorites, allowing him to deliver choice speeches from some of Shakespeare's most well-known plays despite being typecast due to his screen-work in horror.

Miguel Rodriguez, host of the 'Horrible Imaginings Film Festival', will introduce the film and speak about Vincent Price's centenary and his place in Hollywood history. For podcasts and information on the upcoming Festival, you may visit www.monsterislandresort.org.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.gov.

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